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Conference on Projects for SDS

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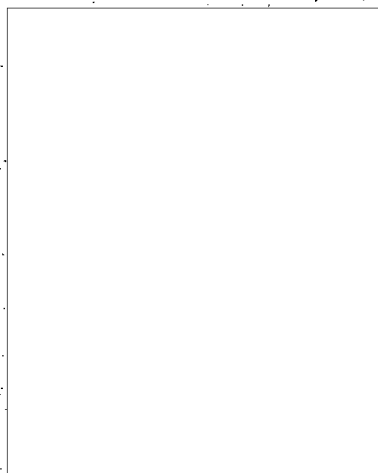
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1. At 10:30, 25 February 1947, a conference was held in which the following were in attendance:



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Strategic Branch

Intelligence Branch, Transportation Corps

Research Section, Chief of Engineers

Topo Branch, ID

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Exploitation Branch, ID

Special Document Section, ID

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2. The conference was held for the purpose of determining projects which should be initiated immediately by SDS.

3. The following projects were tentatively established, subject to your approval.

a. Industrial Plant File Project; to continue but SDS is to initiate steps to include satellite countries in this project. Work on satellites will be done in coordination with Eurasian Branch.

b. Rail Transportation and Inland Waterways Project is to be continued. However, the Office, Chief of Engineers and Transportation Corps are to furnish specific requirements on data desired to be produced by SDS. [redacted] is arranging conference with SDS, 3 March 1947 on this project.

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c. SDS is to undertake a project on military intelligence pertaining to the USSR. The Eurasian Branch will furnish SDS with the specific requirements desired from SDS in this project.

d. SDS is to make a survey of all German and Russian documents in the U.S. and if possible, those held by the British, pertaining to the Arctic and will furnish Topo Branch with bibliography of this material.

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TAB "B"

STATUS OF PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY SDS

I. THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE USSR as reconstructed from Russian and captured German documents.

A. Projects which will cover all phases of Russian industry.

1. Handbook: The Industries of the USSR.

This handbook describes in broad outline, every important phase of Russian industry and overall production with complete statistics. This project was initiated by the Special Document Section and approved by the Chief, Intelligence Group. It is expected that it will be completed about 1 May 1947.

2. Industrial Card File Project:

It provides all known details on Russian industrial installations including personnel, working methods, equipment, output, type of production, etc. This data is based on pre-war Russian material, German documents, and Current periodicals including Russian newspapers. This project was started during the month of October 1946 at the direction of the Intelligence Division. (See Appendix Nos. 3 and 4)

All top-level German documents have been exploited. Work has begun on low-level German documents, Russian material, and the satellite nations. This is a long-range project.

B. Projects which will cover all phases of economic transportation, excluding roads and air transport.

1. Transportation Project

This project will provide detailed information on the Russian Railway lines, numbers 1 to 53; capacities of individual lines, technical data, etc. Also included is a general survey of Waterways in Russia.

The project was initiated by the Special Document Section and approved by the Chief, Intelligence Group. This is a long-range project.

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2. Economic Aspects of the Transportation System

Project will provide data on overall studies of the flow of raw materials, basic processed good, finished products, etc. on rail and waterway systems.

Information has already been gathered and basic studies have been produced on this topic. This project will begin on 1 May 1947. No definite completion date can be given.

C. SPECIAL TRANSLATIONS (1)-Will provide data originating from German and Russian sources which will supplement the above projects with additional information.

2. Military Project is based on requirements from Eurasian Branch for studies on such topics as Manpower, Mobilization, T/O & E, Amphibious operations, Equipment, High Command, OB, Personalities, etc. Basic information is being gathered and plans have been laid for the actual work involved, but as yet no actual compilations of information has been undertaken.
3. Other Translations have been undertaken at request of IG.

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